The Basic Core

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What is the Basic Core?

The Basic Core contains essential elements of the language you will need to master in order to fulfill your purpose in your mission language. It will help you establish a foundation, focus your study, and evaluate your progress. The Basic Core includes vocabulary, phrases, and scriptures that will help you master the six teaching tasks. Set goals and work diligently to quickly master the these tasks.

What are the 6 Tasks?

Meet Someone
Offer a Prayer
Testify
Extend an Invitation
Share a Scripture
Give a Simple Overview

Which Scriptures and Passages?

Your Missionary Purpose

Moroni 10:3-5

Baptismal Invitation

Joseph Smith's First Vision

How Long Do I Have?

You will have ten days to master the six tasks, additional vocabulary, and the four scriptures and passages.

How Do I Track My Progress?

Your teacher or companion will check the box to the left of the task or vocabulary when you can correctly answer the question "what is _____ in Marshallese?"

The 5 Principles of Memorization

1. **Know the Meaning:** Always find out the meaning of what you are learning and write it down if necessary. When you are learning words, don't ignore how prefixes and suffixes affect meaning. Additionally, you should practice repeating the meaning of each word out loud.

2. **Focus on the Form:** All language is made up of two things: the meaning and the words which carry that meaning. Form includes how it sounds, how it's pronounced, and how it's written. Form also includes noticing patterns in grammar and word order in phrases. Find out how to say each word and practice until you can pronounce it correctly.

3. **Practice Aloud:** We learn and remember language better when we practice it physically, building muscle memory. Practice your words, phrases, or grammar out loud, repeatedly. Say it again and again until it becomes automatic and you can do it without looking.

4. **Apply it:** Applying it well means using what you are learning in real situations. If it's part of a lesson, practice teaching it to your companion. Finally, think about the meaning of what you say and express it with feeling.

5. **Plan Spaced Reviews:** Step 5 moves language to your long-term memory where it will remain for good. Early reviews should be done aloud and may require you to use notes or materials to look up certain parts. They are completed when you can fluently produce the vocabulary or grammar without looking at notes. Later reviews can be less frequent and can be done without notes while doing other physical tasks like walking or standing.

Scriptures and Passages

- ☐ Your Missionary Purpose

  Preach My Gospel, 1

- ☐ The Baptismal Invitation

  Preach My Gospel, 40

- ☐ Joseph Smith's First Vision

  Preach My Gospel, 37

- ☐ Moroni 10:3-5

Alphabet and Pronunciation

Marshallese Alphabet

	Letter	Pronunciation
☐	a	father
☐	ā	pet
☐	b	boy, dip (end of word)
☐	d	drink (slightly rolled)
☐	e	hen
☐	i	seen
☐	j	jug
☐	k	kind
☐	l	lull
☐	ļ	roll
☐	m	man
☐	m̧	money + wed
☐	n	need
☐	ṇ	night
☐	ñ	sing
☐	o	no
☐	o̧	pot
☐	ō	money, book
☐	p	dip, boy (beginning of word)
☐	r	"rolled r"
☐	t	dome
☐	u	glue
☐	ū	pug
☐	w	wow

Meet Someone

Phrases

How are you doing?	Ej et aṃ mour?
I am Elder ____.	Eta in Elder _____.
I am from _____.	Ij itok jān _____.
I am Sister ____.	Eta in Sister _____.
My name is ____.	Eta in _____.
Pleased to meet you.	Iṃōṇōṇō in jeḷā kajjieṃ.
What is your name?	Etaṃ?
Where are you from?	Kwe ri-ia?
Hello	Iọkwe.
Goodbye	Jeraaṃṃan.

Vocabulary Words

older brother (mine)	ḷeo jeiū
older brother (yours)	ḷeo jeiṃ
younger brother (mine)	ḷeo jatū
younger brother (yours)	ḷeo jatūṃ
city	bukwōn eḷap
companion (mine)	mōtta
companion (yours)	mōttaṃ
country	aelōñ
daughter (mine)	nejū leddik
daughter (yours)	nejūṃ leddik
Elder	elder
family	baaṃle
father (yours)	jemaṃ
father (mine)	jema
good	eṃṃan
good afternoon	Iọkwe in raelep
good evening	Iọkwe in jota
good morning	Iọkwe in jibboñ
he	e
her	e
his	an
how	ewi wāween
husband	ḷeo pālele
I	i
it	e
its	an
Lord	Irooj
married	ṃare

☐ missionary	mijinede
☐ mother (yours)	jinōṃ
☐ mother (mine)	jinō
☐ my	aō
☐ name (yours)	etaṃ
☐ name (mine)	eta
☐ nice	jouj
☐ of, from, by	jān
☐ pleasure	ṃōṇōṇō
☐ representative	ri-bōk jikin
☐ servant	ri-karejeran
☐ she	E
☐ older sister (mine)	lio jeiū
☐ older sister (yours)	lio jeiṃ
☐ younger sister (mine)	lio jatū
☐ younger sister (yours)	lio jatūṃ
☐ son (mine)	nejū ļaddik
☐ son (yours)	nejūṃ ļaddik
☐ The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Kabuñ eo an Jisōs Kraist im Armej ro Rekwōjarjar ilo Raan ko Ālíktata
☐ their	aer
☐ they	re
☐ to come	itok
☐ to get to know (you)	kōjeļa kajjieṃ
☐ to get to know (me)	kōjeļa kajjiō
☐ to go	etal
☐ to grow up	rūttoļok
☐ to have	wōr
☐ to know	jeļā
☐ to live	mour
☐ to meet	iioon
☐ to please	kaṃōṇōṇō
☐ to represent	jutak kōn
☐ town	jikin kweļok
☐ we (exclusive)	kōm
☐ we (inclusive)	je
☐ where	ia
☐ which, what	me
☐ wife	lio pālele
☐ you (before a verb)	kwō
☐ you (not followed by a verb)	kwe
☐ you (after a verb)	eok
☐ you (plural)	koṃ
☐ you all	koṃ aolep
☐ your	aṃ

Offer a Prayer

Phrases

☐	Dear Heavenly Father,	Anij, Jemāmwōj Ilañ,
☐	Please help us to learn ___	Jouj im jipañ kōm katak ____
☐	We thank thee for Thy love.	Kōmij kaṃṃoolol eok kōn iọkwe eo aṃ.
☐	We ask Thee to bless us with Thy Spirit	Kōmij kajjitōk ippaṃ bwe kwōn kōjeraaṃṃan kōm kōn Jetōb eo aṃ.
☐	Please bless my companion.	Jouj im kōjeraaṃṃan ṃōtta.
☐	God always listens to our prayers.	Anij ej roñjake ñan jar ko ad iien otemjej.
☐	In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.	Ilo etan Jisōs Kraist. Amen.

Vocabulary Words

☐	always	aolep iien
☐	amen	amen
☐	answer	uwaak
☐	blessing	jeraaṃṃan
☐	charity	iọkwe eṃool
☐	comfort	kaaenōṃṃan
☐	for	kōn
☐	gift of tongues	menin letok in lo ko
☐	grateful	kaṃṃoolol
☐	gratitude	kaṃṃoolol
☐	guidance	tōl
☐	Heavenly Father (ours, inclusive)	Jemād Ilañ
☐	Heavenly Father (ours, exclusive)	Jemām Ilañ
☐	help	jipañ
☐	house	ṃweo
☐	inspiration	jelā ļọkjeṇ
☐	Jesus Christ	Jisōs Kraist
☐	opportunity	iien eṃṃan
☐	our (exclusive)	am
☐	our (inclusive)	ad
☐	patience	kijenmej

☐ prayer	jar
☐ prophet	ri-kanaan
☐ safety	oṇaak
☐ strength	kajoor
☐ thankful	koṃṃoolol
☐ thanks	koṃṃool
☐ The Holy Ghost	Jetōb Kwōjarjar Eo
☐ to address	kūr
☐ to ask	kajjitōk
☐ to bless	kōjeraaṃṃan
☐ to close	kiili
☐ to communicate	bwebwenato
☐ to confirm	kapen
☐ to express	kwaḷok
☐ to feel	eñjake
☐ to find out	kappok
☐ to forgive	joḷọk bōd
☐ to give away	leḷọk
☐ to give you	lewōj
☐ to give me	letok
☐ to hear	roñ
☐ to help	jipañ
☐ to invite	karuwainene
☐ to kneel	bukwelōlō
☐ to learn	katak
☐ to listen	roñjake
☐ to offer	leḷọk
☐ to pray	jar
☐ to receive	bōk
☐ to thank	kaṃṃoolol
☐ to want	kōṇaan
☐ today	rainin
☐ tomorrow	ilju
☐ truth	ṃool
☐ when	ñāāt
☐ with	kōn

Testify

Phrases

☐ God is our Heavenly Father.	Anij ej Jemād Ilañ.
☐ We are His children.	Jej ro nejin.
☐ Jesus Christ is the Son of God.	Jisōs Kraist ej Nejin Anij.
☐ Through the Atonement, we can receive eternal life.	Kōn Pinmuur eo, jemaroñ bōk mour indeeo.
☐ We can return to God by keeping ourselves clean.	Jemaroñ roọl ñan ippān Anij, ilo ad kōjparok kōj erreo.
☐ I know that ___	Ijeḷā ke ____
☐ I am thankful for the love of our Heavenly Father.	Eḷap aō kaṃṃoolol kōn iọkwe eo an Jemād Ilañ.

Vocabulary Words

☐ atonement	Pinmuur
☐ because	kōnke
☐ blessed	jeraaṃṃan
☐ children	ajri ro
☐ church	kabuñ
☐ clean	erreo
☐ closer	epaakeḷọk
☐ commandment	kien
☐ effect	waḷọk
☐ feeling	eñjake
☐ forgiveness	jeorḷọk bōd
☐ God	Anij
☐ gospel	kọjpeḷ
☐ heart (yours)	būruōṃ
☐ heart (mine)	būruō
☐ Holy Ghost	Jetōb Kwōjarjar
☐ hope	kōjatdikdik
☐ if	eḷaññe
☐ Joseph Smith	Josep Smith
☐ joy	lañlōñ
☐ lives	mour
☐ living	mour
☐ love	iọkwe

☐ loving	iọkwe
☐ mind	lōmnak
☐ must	aikuj
☐ peace	aenōṃṃan
☐ priesthood	priesthood
☐ sacred	ekkwōjarjar
☐ Savior	Ri-Lọmọọr
☐ Spirit	jetōb
☐ testimony	naan in kaṃool
☐ that (statements)	ke
☐ that (cause/effect)	bwe
☐ The Book of Mormon	Bok in Mormon Eo
☐ this	in
☐ to answer	uwaak
☐ to appear	waḷọk
☐ to be able to	maroñ
☐ to believe	tōmak
☐ to change	oktak
☐ to desire	ikdeelel
☐ to exist	pād
☐ to follow	ḷoor
☐ to keep	kōjparok
☐ to love	iọkwe
☐ to sacrifice	katok
☐ to testify	kaṃool
☐ to witness	kaṃool
☐ true	ṃool

Extend an Invitation

Phrases

☐ Will you be baptized?	Kwōnaaj ke peptaij?
☐ How can we help you to prepare for baptism?	Eḷmān am maroñ jipañ eok kōpojak in peptaij?
☐ In order to be baptized, you need to attend church regularly.	Bwe kwōn peptaij, ej aikuj in ekkā aṃ itok im jar.
☐ I know that God will bless you for your faith to repent.	Ijeḷā bwe Anij enaaj kōjeraaṃṃan eok kōn aṃ tōmak ñan ukeḷọk.
☐ Will you pray to God about the truthfulness of the Book of Mormon?	Kwōnaaj ke jar ñan Anij kōn ṃool in Bok in Mormon?

Vocabulary Words

☐ baptism	peptaij
☐ commitment	kalliṃur
☐ congratulations	jeraaṃṃan
☐ covenant	bujen
☐ daily	kajjojo raan
☐ difficult	pen
☐ doubt	pere
☐ evening	jota
☐ example	waan joñak
☐ happiness	ṃōṇōṇō
☐ message	ennaan
☐ problem	jorāān
☐ question	kajjitōk
☐ Sabbath day	Raan in Jabōt
☐ sad	būroṃōj
☐ suggestion	ḷōmṇak
☐ the Word of Wisdom	Naan in Mālōtōt
☐ to attend	etal ñan
☐ to baptize	peptaij
☐ to begin	jino
☐ to call	kaal
☐ to come by	jambowōj
☐ to commit	kalliṃur

☐ to continue	wōnṃaanḷọk
☐ to discuss	bwebwenato kake
☐ to experience	eñjake
☐ to extend	lewōj
☐ to hope	kōjatdikdik
☐ to make sure	lukkuun lale
☐ to obey	pokake
☐ to overcome	anjọ ioon
☐ to prepare	kōpojak
☐ to promise	kalliṃur
☐ to recommit	bar kalliṃur
☐ to repent	ukeḷọk
☐ to return	jepḷaak
☐ to start	jino
☐ to stop	bōjrak
☐ to strengthen	kōkajoorḷọk
☐ to trust	lōke
☐ to try	kajjioñ

Share a Scripture

Phrases

☐	May we read a scripture in the Book of Mormon together?	Jemaroñ ke riit juon eoon ilo Bok in Mormon ippān doon?
☐	Let's read a scripture about faith.	Jen riiti juon eoon kōn tōmak.
☐	Please, read these verses out loud.	Jouj im riit eoon kein kōn ainikiōṃ.
☐	It's on page ___.	Epād ilo peij _____.
☐	According to this verse, why is baptism important?	Ekkar ñan eoon in, ejaaṃ aorōk peptaij?
☐	How do you feel about ___?	Ewi wāween aṃ eñjake kōn ____?
☐	Diligently studying the scriptures helps us to understand truth.	Katak ilo tiljek jān jeje ko rekwōjarar ej jipañ kōj meļeļe ṃool eo.

Vocabulary Words

☐	about	kōn
☐	aloud	kōn ainikien
☐	Bible	Baibōļ
☐	chapter	jebta
☐	Doctrine and Covenants	Katak im Bujen Ko
☐	during	ilo an
☐	experience	eñjake
☐	important	aorōk
☐	New Testament	Kalliṃur Ekāāl
☐	number	nōṃba
☐	Old Testament	Kalliṃur Ṃokta
☐	on	ioon
☐	page	peij
☐	Pearl of Great Price	Bōōr Eo Eļap Wōṇāān
☐	people	armej ro
☐	please	jouj
☐	principle	katak
☐	promise	kalliṃur
☐	scripture	eoon
☐	section	jekjōn
☐	there is	ewōr

☐ thought	ļōmṇak
☐ to apply	mour kake
☐ to become	erom
☐ to explain	kōmeļeļe
☐ to find	kappok
☐ to look for	kappok
☐ to mean	meļeļe
☐ to notice	kile
☐ to read	riit
☐ to share	kwaļok
☐ to show	kwaļok
☐ to study	katak
☐ to teach	katakin
☐ to think	ļōmṇak
☐ verse	eoon
☐ while	ilo an
☐ one	juon
☐ two	ruo
☐ three	jilu
☐ four	emān
☐ five	ļalem
☐ six	jijino
☐ seven	jimjuon
☐ eight	ralitōk
☐ nine	ratimjuon
☐ ten	joñoul

Give a Simple Overview

Phrases

☐ Do you believe in God and Jesus Christ?	Kwōj ke tōmak ilo Anij im Jisōs Kraist?
☐ What has lead you to believe that?	Ta eo eaar tōl eok bwe kwōn tōmak men ṇe?
☐ Through Jesus Christ, we can overcome sin.	Kōn Jisōs Kraist, jemaroñ anjọ ioon jeṛọwiwi.
☐ We are missionaries of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.	Kōmij mijenede ro an Kabuñ eo an Jisōs Kraist im Armej ro Rekwōjarjar ilo Raan ko Āliktata.
☐ The Book of Mormon testifies of Jesus Christ.	Bok in Mormon eo ej kaṃool kōn Jisōs Kraist.
☐ Would you like to learn more about the Book of Mormon?	Kwōj ke m̧ōṇōṇō in kaeḷapḷọk aṃ jeḷā kōn Bok in Mormon eo?
☐ We have a message about Jesus Christ.	Ewōr am ennaan kōn Jisōs Kraist

Vocabulary Words

☐ faith	tōmak
☐ first	kein kajuon
☐ in	ilo
☐ knowledge	jeḷā ḷọkjeṇ
☐ life	mour
☐ more	bar
☐ no	jaab
☐ obedience	pokake
☐ or	ak
☐ plan	karōk
☐ repentance	ukeḷọk
☐ restored	eṃōj an jepḷaaktok
☐ salvation	ḷọmọọr
☐ thing	men
☐ time	iien
☐ to come back	ṛọọltok
☐ to enjoy	itok-limo
☐ to restore	kōjepḷaak
☐ to take	bōk

- [ ] to talk — kōnnaan
- [ ] well — eṃṃan
- [ ] what — ta

Helpful Phrases

Phrases

☐ Did I understand you correctly?	Ejiṃwe ke aō meḷeḷe?
☐ Did you understand?	Kwaar ke meḷeḷe?
☐ Excuse me.	Joḷọk bōd.
☐ Good job!	Eṃṃan!
☐ Help me, please.	Jipañ eō, ṃōk.
☐ How do you say ____?	Eḷmān aṃ ba_____?
☐ I don't understand.	Ijab meḷeḷe.
☐ I have a question.	Ewōr aō kajjitōk.
☐ I'm not sure that I understand you.	Ijaje ñe ij meḷeḷe.
☐ I'm sorry.	Joḷọk bōd.
☐ It's ____ o'clock.	_____ awa.
☐ It's okay.	Eṃṃan wōt.
☐ May I speak in English?	Imaroñ ke kōnono ilo kajin pālle?
☐ No problem.	Ejjeḷọk jorrāān.
☐ Please say it again.	Bar ba ṃōk.
☐ Repeat that please.	Bar ba ṃōk.
☐ Say it slower, please.	Jouj im karuṃwijḷọk aṃ kōnnaan.
☐ Thank you.	Koṃṃool.
☐ What does ____ mean?	Ta meḷeḷe in _____?
☐ What is this called in Marshallese?	Eḷmān aṃ ba_____ ilo kajin ṃajeḷ?
☐ What is this called?	Eḷmān aṃ ba_____?
☐ What is your question?	Ta kajjitōk eo aṃ?
☐ What time is it?	Jete awa?
☐ Where are we going?	Jej etal ñan ia?
☐ Would you repeat that please?	Kwōmaroñ ke bar ba ṃōk?
☐ You're welcome.	Kōn jouj.

Vocabulary Words

☐ bathroom	ṃōn kōpojak
☐ book	bok
☐ cafeteria	jikin ṃōññā
☐ camera	kein pija
☐ cell phone	jāāl
☐ chair	jea
☐ classroom	kilaaj
☐ clock	awa
☐ companionship study	iien ekkatak ippān eo ṃōttaṃ
☐ computer	kaṃputōr
☐ devotional	kweiļọk
☐ dictionary	tūkjinede
☐ district	district
☐ English	Kajin Pālle
☐ notebook	bok in jeje
☐ paper	peba
☐ pen	peen
☐ pencil	pinjeļ
☐ personal study	iien ekkatak make iaaṃ
☐ slow	ruṃwij
☐ teacher	ri-kaki
☐ telephone	talboon
☐ there	ijo
☐ to repeat	ālij
☐ to review	āliji
☐ to say	ba
☐ to understand	meļeļe

Notes

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